

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to clarify that a plurality of color material layers are of a plurality of colors. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,739 to Kobayashi. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant believes that it was the Examiners intention to rejection the claims based on Kobayashi under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)/§103. Thus, the claims are substantively distinguished below.

Kobayashi does not teach, disclose or suggest " a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate," as recited in claim 1. Instead, Kobayashi simply discloses a liquid crystal panel substrate used as a translucent substrate with a liquid crystal panel. Kobayashi does not teach, disclose or suggest any subject matter regarding a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors, as recited in claim 1.

For at least these reasons, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11 of Kobayashi do not render obvious the subject matter of claims 1-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11 of Kobayashi is respectfully solicited.

II. Conclusion

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 1 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

1. (Amended) A liquid-crystal device, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate;
 - a light-shielding layer surrounding each color material layer;
 - a protective layer covering the color material layers and the light-shielding layer; and
 - a plurality of electrode strips arranged on the protective layer and extending from a formation region of the protective layer to an unformed region of the protective layer, an electrode width of an electrode strip in a step portion of the protective layer being set to be narrower than an electrode width of an electrode strip in the protective layer in an effective region of the liquid-crystal device.